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FIRST AMENDMENT

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed October 5, 2000, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please delete renumbered claims 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10.

Please amend the claims as follows:

- 1 1. (Once amended) A device for the trenchless replacement of in-situ pipe, comprising:  
2 a mole;  
3 a length of cable, said cable being engagable to said mole;  
4 [a cable pulling means including] a cable pulling device being releasably engagable to said cable;  
5 [and]  
6 a cable pulling device [engagement means functioning to provide a] mounting [structure  
7 for] frame being releasably engagable to said cable pulling device[.] ; and wherein said cable  
8 pulling device is a post tensioning ram (PTR).

- 1 ~~2. (Once amended) A device as described in claim 1 wherein said cable pulling device~~  
2 ~~includes [a cable engagement mechanism that functions to pull said cable in a plurality of~~